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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 6 DETAINEES

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1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS REGARDING "IMMINENT", "POLITICAL" TRIALS IN THAILAND. THE CONSTITUENT LETTERS WHICH PROMPTED THIS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST STATE THAT OVER 100 THAI STUDENTS ARE TO EITHER BE TRIED BY MILITARY COURT OR RECEIVE SUMMARY JUSTICE UNDER ARTICLE 21. THESE INQUIRIES MAY PROMPT SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN TO PETITION SECRETARY VANCE TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THESE "TRIALS".

2. WE ASSUME THE STUDENTS IN QUESTION ARE THOSE ARRESTED ON OCTOBER 6 FOLLOWING THE POLICE RAID ON THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULED TRIALS OR JUDICIAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING STUDENTS. SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS BEING TRIED, WHETHER THE TRIAL IS TO BE IN A MILITARY OR CIVILIAN COURT, WHETHER THE TRIALS ARE TO BE IN PUBLIC OR IN SECRET AND THE RANGE OF PUNISHMENTS THAT COULD BE HANDED DOWN FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE RTG'S

REACTION TO ANY REQUEST THAT AN INDEPENDENT OR EMBASSY
OBSERVER BE PRESENT DURING POLITICALLY SENSITIVE TRIALS.
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